



FHBC Club Championship Review Working Group
Memo to Community Stakeholders (December 2022)

2023 Club Championship and Festival Program

Background

2019-20 saw Field Hockey BC (FHBC) form the Club Championship Review (CCR) Working Group, a Working Group comprised of Community Stakeholder Leadership (League and Club), FHBC Board Members/Strategic Leads, and FHBC Staff. The CCR Working Group terms of reference are to consider the delivery of the FHBC Club Championship and Festival Program within the seasonal year in question and ahead of initiation of that season's Junior Spring League program.

Following a review of 2022 seasonal program delivery, this Community Stakeholder Memo represents the work carried out to date by the 2022-23 CCR Working Group and is targeted at the expected delivery of the FHBC Club Championship and Festival Program in **2023**. FHBC very much appreciates the time taken by Community Stakeholders to consider the detail included in this Memo well in advance of program initiation for 2023. The first registration window for the 2023 program will open in April 2023 (see section F below for more detail).

Purpose

The purpose of the 2022-23 CCR Working Group is to review the 2022 seasonal delivery of the Club Championship and Festival Program and to help shape the operational and strategic direction for the 2023 FHBC Club Championship and Festival Program. The objective of the CCR Working Group is to create a 2023 FHBC Club Championship and Festival Program proposal that supports the delivery of the 2023 junior league season and provides an extended value proposition for participation during the 2023 junior season.

2022-23 CCR Working Group Membership

- Meena Sran (Victoria Junior FHA)
- Charlotte Burns (Greater Vancouver Junior FHL)
- Ranbir Kahlon (Greater Vancouver Junior FHL)
- Narinder Sangha (Greater Vancouver Junior FHL)
- Alex Bale (Greater Vancouver Junior FHL)
- Brenda Rushton (FHBC/FHC/FIH Technical Official Lead)
- Mark Saunders (FHBC Staff)
- Shaquille Gilbert (FHBC Staff)

2022-23 CCR Working Group Meeting Schedule

The 2022-23 CCR Working Group reconvened during the calendar months of October and November to review the delivery of the Club Championship and Festival program in 2022. This Stakeholder Memo represents an opportunity to share Program planning to date with the expectation that a finalized 2023 Club Championship and Festival Program Plan will be released in February 2023.

2023 FHBC Club Championship and Festival Program – Essential Areas of Community Emphasis

The following Club Championship and Festival Program information is provided as a summary of the essential areas of emphasis for delivery of this Program in 2023:

A. 2023 Club Championship and Festival Program Guiding Principles

I. Structural Guiding Principles:

- That the Club Championship and Festival Program provide for a competitive opportunity for participant members that compliments league play.
- That the purpose of the Program be to raise the profile of the league season, especially at the older age groups.
- That the Program has “Fun” as a core value.
- That the introduction to competition be graded by age category.
- That the Program consider the importance of competitive variety in playing athletes and teams from other regions.
- To distinguish between ‘Championship’ and ‘Festival’ where structural format is concerned.
- To distinguish between ‘Tiers’ for applicable Program Events.
 - Tier One (U18) – Competition Focus (Outcome Related)
 - Tier Two (U18) – Competition Focus (Outcome Related)
 - Tier One (U16) – Introduction to Competition (Outcome Related)
 - Tier Two (U16) – Developmental Focus
 - Tier One (U14) – Developmental Focus
 - Tier Two (U14) – Participation Focus

- U12 Festival – Participation Focus
- To consider facility needs and type according to age group division.

II. Functional Guiding Principles:

- To require rated or trained umpires scaled to the level of event.
- To promote greater technical official mentorship at the U18 level of play and scale the degree of mentorship according to environmental capacity at all other levels.
- To require Event Hosts and participating Clubs to support the identification and commitment of volunteers able and willing to take on Technical Officiating roles and responsibilities.
- To require technical officiating volunteers to attend a video conference educational session ahead of an event. Sessions would be scaled in time and content to the specific role of the technical table at each event.

B. 2023 Club Championship and Festival Program Hosting Plan

Age Group	Venue	Host(s)	Dates (2023)
Under 18 Girls Tier 1	TBD	TBD + TBD	May 26 (Eve), 27, 28
Under 18 Girls Tier 2	TBD	TBD + TBD	May 26 (Eve), 27, 28
Under 18 Boys	Rutledge Field	WVFHC + TBD	June 3, 4
Under 16 Girls Tier 1	TBD	TBD + TBD	June 9 (Eve), 10, 11
Under 16 Girls Tier 2	TBD	TBD + TBD	June 9 (Eve), 10, 11
Under 16 Boys	Rutledge Field	WVFHC + TBD	June 17, 18
Under 14 Girls Tier 1	TBD	TBD + TBD	June 16 (Eve), 17, 18
Under 14 Girls Tier 2	TBD	TBD + TBD	June 16 (Eve), 17, 18
Under 14 Boys	Rutledge Field	WVFHC + TBD	June 10, 11
Under 12 Festival	Burnaby Lake	TBD + TBD	June 3, 4

❖ Each Club Championship Event requires the support of **TWO Community Clubs**. Such support does not necessarily default to those Community Clubs utilizing the host facility. In many cases the facility will drive the location of Program hosting and the desire is to see a greater number of Clubs directly supporting the Program.

❖ The role of the **TWO Community Club Hosts** in each case is as follows:

- At the **U18** Championships, to **assist** FHBC in the on-the-day delivery of the event.
- At the **U16** and **U14** Championships, to **co-lead** with FHBC’s assistance the on-the-day delivery of the event.

- At the **U12 Festival**, to **co-lead** with FHBC's assistance the on-the-day delivery of the event.

C. 2023 Club Championship and Festival Program Competition Formats

- **Under 12**
 - ❖ Festival (Participatory Focus)
Format: 8-Aside
 - ❖ Shortened Games with Running-Time (eg. 26-min games/4-min break/10-min between games)
 - ❖ As many games as possible (team numbers and facility access allowing)
 - ❖ Recognition 'Fun Gift' to participants
- **Under 14**
 - ❖ Championship (Developmental Focus)
 - ❖ Format: *11-Aside *Noting that flexibility to play a shortened format to foster greater regional participation may be considered
 - ❖ Pool Play and Play Offs (Round Robin as required)
 - ❖ Tiering to be introduced according to league standards and anticipated need
 - ❖ 40-50 min game play (Quarters preferred where technical officiating permits)
 - ❖ Medals Awarded by Tier (Gold/Silver/Bronze)
 - ❖ It is desired that Team Players have numbered shirts (1-99)
- **Under 16**
 - ❖ Championship (Introduction to Competition)
 - ❖ Format: 11-Aside
 - ❖ Pool Play and Play Offs (Round Robin as required)
 - ❖ Tiering to be introduced according to league standards and anticipated need
 - ❖ 40-50 min game play (Quarters preferred where technical officiating permits)
 - ❖ Medals Awarded by Tier (Gold/Silver/Bronze)

❖ Team Players MUST have numbered shirts (1-99)

○ **Under 18**

- ❖ Championship (Competition Focus)
- ❖ Format: 11-Aside
- ❖ Pool Play and Play Offs (Round Robin as required)
- ❖ Tiering to be introduced according to league standards and anticipated need
- ❖ 50-60 min game play (Quarters preferred where technical officiating permits)
- ❖ Medals Awarded by Tier (Gold/Silver/Bronze)

❖ Team Players MUST have numbered shirts (1-99)

D. Raising the profile of the Club Championship and Festival Program – Technical Officiating

Divisions with FULL Technical Official Coverage – U18 Boys and Girls Divisions

❖ **FHBC**

FHBC will take responsibility for the recruitment of Technical Officiating personnel to lead the delivery of FULL Technical Official (Table) coverage and mentorship for the Under 18 Boys and Girls Divisions.

❖ **HOST CLUB(S)/PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

The Host Club(s)/Participating Clubs will take responsibility for putting forward suitable candidates to support FULL Technical Official (Table) coverage for the divisional play above. A candidate(s) in this case would be expected to:

- Attend a mandatory Technical Official Education Course in advance of the event (course would be 2-3 hours in length)
- Be available to attend the event Technical Meeting (via electronic means or in-person)
- Be required to be active at the technical table prior to an event play-off schedule or prior to the final days play

Divisions with Technical Official Mentorship and Team Management System (TMS) – U16 Boys and Girls Divisions

❖ **FHBC**

FHBC will take responsibility for assigning a Technical Official Mentor(s) to lead the mentorship and training experience for club volunteers supporting the **Under 16 Boys and Girls Championships**.

❖ **HOST CLUB(S)/PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

The Host Club(s)/Participating Clubs will take responsibility for putting forward club volunteers to support the timekeeping, score keeping, and TMS for divisional play. A volunteer in this case would be expected to:

- Attend a Technical Official Education Course in advance of the event (course would be 1-2 hours in length)
- Be required to be active at the technical table prior to an event play-off schedule or prior to the final days play

Divisions with an Introduction to Technical Officiating Time and Score-Keeping – U14 and U12 Divisions

At the Under 14 and Under 12 divisional level, technical officiating will be limited to time and score keeping for Under 14 competition, and to just time keeping for the Under 12 festivals.

The **Host Club** and **Registered Teams** will be responsible for volunteers able to support the time and score keeping for these divisions. **FHBC** will investigate the potential to have technical official mentors at the 2023 Under 14 and Under 12 events, capacity allowing.

A volunteer in this case would be expected to:

- Be required to be active at the technical table for 2-3 matches over the course of an event.

E. Raising the profile of the Club Championship and Festival Program – Umpiring

❖ To require Certified or Trained Umpires scaled to the level of event:

- U18 Championships – FIH/National Certified/Regional Certified/Provincial Certified (by nomination)
- U16 Championships – Provincial Certified/Trained
- U14 Championships – Community Certified
- U12 Festival – Community Trained

- ❖ For Participating Teams to ensure Umpire Declarations at the time of team registration are already aware that they are being put forward to officiate at the event in question. Should FHBC follow up with a declared Umpire and discover that they are not aware, the team in questions entry status will be immediately suspended. In this case a waitlist team will be offered the opportunity to participate in place of the team under suspension. Should there be no waitlist team then the team under suspension will be given an opportunity to update their officiating declarations.
- ❖ To introduce and appoint Umpire Managers (Mentors) within the Club Championship and Festival Program for 2023. Umpire Managers (Mentors) may need to be assigned according to availability but the over-riding emphasis will be in support of new and developing umpires. As a result, the priority wherever feasible for the 2023 Program will be to assign Umpire Managers (Mentors) to the Under 12 Festival and the Under 14 Championships.

F. Club Championship and Festival Program Administration – Registration

❖ TEAMS REGISTERING FOR THE 2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND FESTIVAL PROGRAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO ALL REGISTRATION PROTOCOLS BY THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE.

- ❖ Full Registration information will be made available in February 2023
- ❖ A Pre-Registration window will open in April 2023 to allow each Club to submit at least one advance team entry into each event
- ❖ An open Team Registration window will follow in May 2023. This Team Registration window will be first-come-first-serve and scaled to the calendar timeframe for each event and the number of facilities available for hosting.

Web Detail - Registration:

The Team Registration process will form **TWO PARTS** as it has done historically.

The **PART ONE** window of the Team Registration process will open on (Date).

Each single club administrator or club contact will have the opportunity to nominate one (1) team per club, per club championship event for early registration. This early registration window will close on (Date). Please, coordinate within your club to ensure that only one early submission is being made per club, per championship event.

***PART ONE** consists of a team declaration window that enables club administrators to declare in advance the intent of entering a single team per club championship or festival event. The intent of this early 'team declaration' is to provide the opportunity for all clubs to enter at least one team into the Championship program. In the past some clubs have not been able to get a single team into an event due to the registration process only having a first-come-first-serve team registration window.*

To return an early 'team declaration', please have a club designate reach out to request the **registration form** via info@fieldhockeybc.com or via phone at 604-737-3146.

The **PART TWO** window will be a 'first-come-first-serve' ONLINE team registration window which **will open at NOON on (Date), and will close on (Date), at NOON.**

Note that spots are limited!

If the event you wish to apply for is "sold out", and you would like to be put on the "Team Waiting List", please send an email titled "Club Championships Waiting List" to info@fieldhockeybc.com and include your team and club name, division, gender and tier.

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Please note that, by (Date), ALL teams need to submit player rosters, as well as named umpires and technical official volunteers who can be scheduled for the event the team is entering. Travelling teams (those teams travelling outside of their region – Island teams travelling to the Mainland/Travelling Interior Teams/and Mainland Teams travelling to the Island), will be given an exemption from the naming of umpires.

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